THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE V.V.S.RAO

WRIT PETITION No.7719 of 2007

Dated: 05-06-2007

Between:

Sangula Laxman.

..... PETITIONER

AND

The District Collector, Karimnagar, and others.

.....RESPONDENTS

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ORDER:

The petitioner statedly purchased land admeasuring Ac.1.20 in survey No.375 situated at Yellareddypet Village and Mandal, Karimnagar District, under registered sale deed dated 28.03.2006 from Sana Rajamma, W/o Sana Veeraiah. In the meanwhile Smt. Amberpeta Lakshmi, W/o late Pochaiah, who is none other than sister of the petitioner, filed a writ petition being W.P.No.7158 of 2006 seeking a writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO), Siricilla, and the Mandal Revenue Officer (MRO), Yellareddypet, in altering the revenue records as illegal and arbitrary. By order dated 13.04.2006, this Court

disposed of said writ petition directing the District Collector to cause enquiry into the representation made by the petitioner therein on 10.03.2006 and also directing RDO and MRO not to alter the entries in the record of rights without conducting enquiry and without issuing any notice to the petitioner therein. On 27.05.2006, MRO submitted a report to RDO, *inter alia,* to the effect that subject land was purchased by the petitioner herein and that the name of his sister i.e., Amberpeta Lakshmi was wrongly recorded. Said report was sent while enquiring into the representation of the petitioner herein for grant of pattadar passbooks (PPBs) and title deeds (TDs). Even after said report, no PPBs were issued to the petitioner. When the petitioner approached the respondents, he was informed that when the matter is *sub judice* before this Court in W.P.No.7158 of 2006, no action can be taken. In this writ petition, the petitioner seeks a direction to RDO to issue PPBs.

As per the provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Rights in Land and Pattadar Pass Books Act, 1971 and the Andhra Pradesh Rights in Land and Pattadar Pass Book Rules, 1989 (the Rules, for brevity), the recording authority is MRO, now Tahsildar, who is competent to issue PPBs though RDO is required to countersign TDs. Now that MRO has already conducted enquiry and submitted report to RDO to the effect that the name of Amberpeta Lakshmi was wrongly recorded in the record of rights and the same was deleted, MRO may follow necessary procedure under the Rules and issue PPBs and TDs to the petitioner in respect of subject land. This exercise may be completed within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

The writ petition, with the above observations, is accordingly disposed of. No costs.

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(**V.V.S.RAO, J**)

05th June, 2007

Note: Issue CC in one week.

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